GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:347
ANSWERED ON:27.03.2017
Smart Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States, including Uttar Pradesh for setting up of smart schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b)whether the Government has accorded administrative and financial approval to these proposals and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 347 REGARDING "SMART SCHOOLS" FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2017 ASKED BY SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE

(a) to (c) The "Information and Communication Technology in School" (ICT) component of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for opportunities to secondary stage students to build their capacity in ICT skills and make them learn through computer aided learning process, giving priority for coverage of schools in Educationally Backward Blocks and in areas having concentration of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minority & Weaker Sections. The Scheme covers Government and Government aided secondary and higher secondary schools. The ICT component of RMSA also has a provision for setting up of Smart schools to act as "Technology Demonstrators" and to propagate ICT skills among students of neighborhood schools. So far 88,078 schools and 43 Smart Schools have been approved under the ICT component of RMSA. Both the components of the Scheme provide for financial assistance for capital expenditure as well as recurring costs, including software such as learning management systems & curriculum based courseware.

In case of Uttar Pradesh, 5608 schools are approved so far. 5 Smart Schools were also approved in 2011-12, but due to non-implementation of the smart schools approved under the ICT in School Scheme by the State Government, the approval of the 05 Smart Schools was cancelled in 2015-16.

Every year, the States/ UTs prepare their Annual Work Plan & Budget proposal for approval under the RMSA scheme, including for the component of ICT in Schools. The viable proposals under the "ICT in Schools" component including of Smart Schools of the States/ Union Territories (UTs) are considered and approved under RMSA in the presence of State/ UT concerned. A statement indicating the State-wise details of proposals received and approved along with reasons for non- approval for the year 2017-18 is attached as Annexure.

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